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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Official Controls (Plant  
Protection Products) Regulations 2020**

**PART 3**

Assistance and co-operation under Title IV and recovery of expenses incurred

**Facilitating assistance and co-operation**

**6.**—(1) For the purposes of assisting a competent authority of a member State as provided for in Article 104, or enabling the competent authority to do so, an authorised person exercising powers in relation to plant protection products and components to enter premises or to inspect records may—

- (a) be accompanied by authorised officers of a competent authority of a member State;
- (b) show records to such accompanying authorised officers; and
- (c) make copies for them, or require copies to be made for them, of the records.

(2) For the purposes of facilitating a visit by an inspection team as provided for in Article 108, an authorised person may be accompanied by representatives of the EU Commission when exercising powers under relevant legislation to enter premises and inspect records.

(3) A person may be required to provide an authorised person with such assistance, information or facilities as the authorised person may reasonably require for the purpose of the execution or enforcement of these Regulations or the Official Controls Regulations.

**Expenses**

**7.**—(1) Any expenses incurred by a competent authority in carrying out official controls or enforcement activities under these Regulations, or the Official Controls Regulations may be recovered from the relevant operator and such expenses must be paid on written demand.

- (2) Any sum owing under this regulation and unpaid may be recovered—
- (a) as a civil debt;
  - (b) under an order of the court, on such terms as the court may order.